IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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PETITION TO RESET PERIOD OF REPLY FOR NON-RECEIPT OF ACTION **PURSUANT TO MPEP 710.06**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to at least MPEP 710.06, Applicant hereby petitions to reset the time period for reply to the Final Office Action issued in the subject application due to non-receipt of Office Action. During a status check of PAIR for the captioned application, Applicant's representatives discovered on July 10, 2008 that PAIR showed an Office Action had allegedly been mailed to Applicant's representatives on March 31, 2008. Applicant's representatives contacted the Examiner on the same day to inform the Examiner that an official copy had not been received. Applicant's representatives further requested that the due date for responding be reset since over three months had elapsed since the mailing date. Applicant's representatives and/or Applicant have not received an official copy of this Office Action nor have they received official confirmation that the response date will be reset. Accordingly, Applicant files this petition as a precaution to preserve any potential patent term extension to which this application may be entitled and to receive ample time to respond to the latest Office Action.

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A divisional application is being filed concurrently with this petition and Applicant further requests that the divisional application be treated as filed during the pendency of this application. However, if deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in any patent application processing fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, including extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)-(d), associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261. This authorization specifically includes any necessary extensions of time to maintain pendency of the captioned application so that the divisional can be deemed properly filed.

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